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August 19th, 2026

To: Chief Ridenhour,

July ended on a somber note, while we were away at the Cadet Police Academy I was notified of Bridgeport Officer Cooper Whitesides death from a motor vehicle collision. Cooper was a former Danbury Police Cadet for several years in his youth. On July 24th a contingent of Cadets went to Walnut Hill Community Church to pay their respects and assist with offsite parking.



Saturday, July 25th, a contingent of Cadets assisted New Hope Baptist Church with their Summer ookout.





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On August 1st, three Cadets traveled to George Mason University for the Public Safety Cadet National Leadership Academy. Chosen from applicants from across the country, Cadet Lieutenant Dennis Alvarado, Cadet Captain Brigette Siguenza, and Cadet Captain Chelsea Pelaez represented Danbury with distinction. They participated in tours of several federal facilities and our Nation's Capital.





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On August 4th the Cadets assisted Danbury Police Department's Community Service Division with the National Night Out event.



On Wednesday, August 5th, the Cadets were treated to a day at Lake Compounce. They received a catered lunch and entry to the park. We credited their community service hours toward the cost, so Cadets with 50 hours of community service did not have to pay for the trip. 60 Cadets, Advisors, and family members attended the event.





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Our August 6th meeting, started as the first meeting of the month with the various Cadet committees reporting on their activities. This was followed by a behind the scenes tour of the Police Department.





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On August 9th, the Cadets helped with the Ecuadorian Festival on the City Center Green. Cadet Kimberly



Marquez was recognized at the Ecuadorian Flag raising as “Reina” (Queen).



On August 18th the Cadets helped with the Roger's Park Middle School Back to School event.





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For a couple months now the Cadets have been hard at work preparing for their annual car show. The Danbury Car and Truck Festival will be held on Sunday, September 6th in Roger's Park. In this photo Cadets from the raffle committee are accepting a donation of a grill to be given away at the car show. See our website for registration information or how to become a vendor or sponsor!



More information about our program can be found on our website, danburypolicecadets.org, our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/DanburyPoliceCadets>, Instagram: [Instagram.com/danburypolicecadets/](https://www.instagram.com/danburypolicecadets/) and Youtube Channel: [youtube.com/@DanburyPoliceCadets](https://www.youtube.com/@DanburyPoliceCadets)

Tentative upcoming events for 2026:

8/19 Party on the Patio 3:30 at PD, 4pm at event
8/21-23 San Gennaro
8/24 DPS Convocation 7am at PD, 7:30 at off site
parking locations and DHS
8/30 CT United Ride
9/2 VJ Day Flag Detail
9/6 Danbury Police Cadet Car and Truck Festival
9/7 Newtown Labor Day Parade
9/11 Memorial Service - 10AM
9/11 Flag Detail - 9/11 Anniversary
9/11-13 Bethlehem Fair

9/12 Governor's Horse Guard Fall Festival

9/18 Flag Detail - POW/MIA Day

9/18-20 Newtown Arts Festival

9/26-27 CAMA Fall Festival

10/10 Cadet Tactical Challenge

10/17 POD Exercise RPMS

10/24 Halloween on the Green

10/31 Halloween PD - Deer Hill Ave?

11/11 Flag Detail - Veteran's Day

12/7 Flag Detail - Pearl Harbor Day

12/5 Light the Lights Winter Festival

Respectfully,
Sergeant David Antedomenico,
Advisor, Danbury Police Cadets